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Opposition to the Policy of Plymouth Church.

The Books of a Number of Dry Goods Firms Seized.

NEW YORK, December 13, 1873.

Opposition to the Policy of Plymouth Church.

At the prayer meeting in the Church of the Pilgrims, Brooklyn, last evening, Rev. Dr. Storrs, pastor, presiding, resolutions were adopted to the effect that if Plymouth Church abides by the resolution introduced by Rev. Mr. Beecher, and adopted, proclaiming the sovereignty of that church in matters of church polity and government, then the Church of the Pilgrims would be separated from the fellowship with them. The Congregational Church, of Clinton avenue, took a similar action last evening. Dr. Buddington, pastor, declared that if Plymouth Church persisted in its declaration of independence, there must be a formal recognition of the separation by a properly constituted council.

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DAILY GAZETTE.

FINANCIAL.

Latest Advices Concerning Money and Stock Matters.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, SATURDAY EVENING, December 13, 1873.

There is but little change to note from day to day in our local money market. The confidence so necessary to successful business is gradually being restored, and there is a hopeful feeling that business will soon get back to its natural state. It is very evident that after we are out of these panicky times, business will take a new start, and we should not be surprised to see the business of next year better than that of any in the last five years.

In New York to day, stocks have been unsettled—some advancing and others declining. The highest prices seemed to have been realized. Gold went up again to day, and closed firm at 110¼. The appearances are that it will reach yet higher figures.

Local stocks are inactive, not much being done in them at existing low prices.

Leidy & Kaufman, Broker, No. 96 Fourth Avenue, furnishes the following quotations of bonds and stocks from the latest advices by telegraph:

	Friday.	Sat'dy.
Gold and stocks	110¼	110¾
U. S. 6-20s—1861—coupons	118¾	119
" 1862	117¾	118
5-20—1864	115¾	115
" 1865	115¾	115¾
" 1865 new	115¾	115¾
" 1867	117¾	118¾
" 1868—coupons	118¾	118¾
10-40's—coupons	113	113¼
Currency 6's	122	111¼
New 5 per cents	111¾	111¾
RAILWAYS.		
New York Central	94½	95¼
Erie	44¾	45
A. & G. R. R.	2¾	2¾
C. & I. C.	20¾	18
St. Paul	39¾	40¼
Do. preferred	64¾	65¼
Michigan Southern	74	74¾
Do. Central	74¾	75¼
North Western Common	84¾	85¼
Do. preferred	92¾	93
Rock Island	91	93
Cleveland & Pittsburgh	93	93
Pacific Mail	38¾	41
Western Union Telegraph	90¾	91
Ohio & Mississippi	19¾	20
Union Pacific	30¾	31¼
Toledo & Wabash	52	54
Wabash	119¾	121
Chicago and Alton	103	98¾
Adams Express	91	93
American Express	54¾	56
U. S. Express	67¾	67
Wells, Fargo & Co. Express	74	74½
I. C.	98	99
Panama	91	92
North Wayne	57	59
Quicksilver	27¾	27
Canton	61	66
New Jersey Central	99¾	99
Hannibal & St. Joseph	29¾	
Do. preferred	85	

Messrs. Dickinson Bros., bankers, No. 78 Fourth avenue, furnish the following quotations of active stock on the Philadelphia Stock Board today:

	Friday.	Sat'dy.
Penna. Central	44	44
Reading	55	54¾
United Cos. of N. J.	114¾	114¾
Oil Creek	15	14½
Lehigh Valley	58	57¾
Central Transportation	47¾	47¾
Lake Shore dividends	92	92
A. V. R. R.	89	88
P. C. & St. L.	68	

NEW YORK, December 13, 1873.

The bank statement shows a net gain of $3,002,800 in legal reserve. The banks now hold over $10,000,000 above the twenty five per cent. required law. Money closed up easy at 5 to 6 Foreign exchange closed firm at 108¾ for prime bankers' sixty days sterling and 109¾ for sight. Gold closed at 110¾, after selling down to 109¾. The market strengthened on favorable advices that Germany had diplomatic satisfaction from Spain for the vessels recently captured. The rates paid for carrying were 6, 7, 8 and 9 per cent., and for borrowing flat. The Treasury operations for the week at the New York office included the disbursement of $1,240,000 and the receipt of $1,712,000 for customs. The specie shipments in the same time were $713 206, principally silver bars. The imports were dry goods, $614,451; merchandise, $3,968,703. Governments were strong and dull. State bonds were quiet. The stock market was weak early in the day on a small volume of business, but in the afternoon there was more activity, and speculation was strong in the entire list, at an advance of from ¾ to 1¾ per cent. The special features were Union Pacific, Pacific Mail, Western Union, Lake Shore, New York Central, St. Paul, Wabash and C. C. and I. C. The closing quotations were generally the highest made.

COMMERCIAL.

Condition of the Markets at Home and Abroad.

WE ARE without the usual markets by telegraph this morning on account of having no gas last night to work by. The Alleghany river being on a high—flooded out the new gas works, and left us in darkness. We hope to have more light by to-night, when all will be right.

PITTSBURGH MARKETS.

OFFICIOF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, SATURDAY, December 13 1873.

Business generally has been dull during the past week, as it nearly always is at this particular time, and then the inclement weather and bad condition of the streets and country roads have not been without their effect. The outlook, however, both financially and commercially, seems to be steadily improving, and our merchants and manufacturers generally are expecting a very decided improvement in trade next month. The arrivals of grain continue very meagre, and with reduced stocks and an average demand prices are firm and higher. Coffee has been considerably excited during the past week, and prices stread to be higher than they have been during half a century, and not a few well informed dealers think it hardly possible for present prices to be maintained any length of time. The hog product is firmer in sympathy with the recent sharp advance in hogs. Flour did not make war upon them, he thought now was the time for those living in the Mississippi valley to apply to Congress to give them such assistances as would develop the great resources of the West from where the Mississippi takes its rise to where it finds its outlet, and removing the obstructions at the mouth of that river. He hoped they would all agree, before they left Washington, upon some plan.

Mr. Loughridge remarked that the West had the power to obtain redress if the representatives would but unite. He wished to take in the whole country, and obtain such improvements as would be of national benefit. The cost was nothing. His constituents were farmers, and therefore must have an outlet for their surplus produce.

Representative Stannard said the facilities for transportation have not increased with the productions. There was not a larger number of through lines from the East to the West than at the close of the war. These railroad lines have had a monopoly for years, especially during the winter months, when lake navigation was closed and river navigation partly closed, and charged their price.

Representative Clark, of Kansas, wished to offer a resolution declaring that the meeting was in favor of the Government improving the mouth of the Mississippi, either by the construction of the Fort St. Phillip canal or otherwise, as competent engineers deem feasible, at the earliest practicable moment, as the first great work of internal improvement.

Representative Burchard said the meeting had no right to bind the members to any plan.

Mr. Stannard expressed the hope that no resolution would be offered, that the object in view could be effected in no better way than by the improvement of the Mississippi river.

Mr. Clark, of Kansas, said the time had come when the West would demonstrate that there is a West. He was in favor of the James river and Kanawha canal, in favor of the St. Lawrence route, and the Atlantic & Great Western canal, and he favored the improvement of the harbor of Galveston, and now he asked his eastern friends to open up the Mississippi river to the people of that valley. He then offered the resolution alluded to already.

After brief debate the chair declared it out of order, and a committee of Representative Fort, of Illinois, providing for the appointment of a committee to collect information as to the facilities and cost of transportation by the various proposed ways of communication.

Mr. Clark, of Kansas, said the object of the meeting had been misconstrued. The larger matters to come up were the river-square, state-action, and thus secure a deep river floor. Father Ryan's poem was then read, and the meeting adjourned.

—The Vicksburg Times says: The majority of steamers do not seem to enjoy the luxury of paying a ten dollar levy on these hard times for the privilege of landing at our wharf consequently several pass on without stopping. The Lee and the Alexander Mary Miller, John Howard and May Lowery.

—On Monday morning the Robert E. Lee arriv d at New Orleans with the first cotton of the season. She had 5,034 bales of cotton and 2,000 sacks of seed.

—Capt. Wm. Davis has named his new Muskingum river packet the "Lizzie Cassell." She was built by Enoch and Sons, Zanesville, by Hall and Blair, of Harmer.

—From the Aberdeen Miss. Examiner we learn that the Tombigbee River has been free of all impediments, and is in a navagable condition for light draught boats to that place.

—John Robinson's circus on the C. B. Church coming up the river. Texas was too hot for them.

—It's reported that two flatboats are sunk at the head of Island No. 18. Names and cargo not known.

—The Wheeling Intelligencer says the R. W. Schlinger and Andes are carrying nails to Cincinnati for 5 cents a keg.

—The Crescent City took into New Orleans from St. Louis and Cairo 19,910 packages freight, and 28,645 bushels bulk corn.

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RISING OF THE RIVERS.

The Allegheny on a High.

THE NEW WATER WORKS REPORTED DAMAGED.

Lively Times on the Banks—Houses Flooded—Bring Out Your Light Canoe—Skiffs as Pleasant Modes of Conveyance—Sunday Antics of the Monongahela—Rafts Lost—Damage Done to Mills—Washing Out a Gas Company—Newspaper Offices and Other Buildings Resort o Candles.

The Allegheny river on Saturday morning somewhat surprised the people that live and do business along its banks, by commencing to rise at an unusual rate. The rise, though not entirely unexpected, came most terribly quick. At Brady's Bend thirty houses were inundated, and fifty families were compelled to leave their homes. The water covered the bridge and railroad track, and upwards of seven hundred thousand feet of lumber was swept away. All along the Valley Railroad immense land slides have occurred, delaying traffic, and doing immense damage to the road. At nine o'clock on Saturday evening the river at that place stood twenty feet, but later it rose higher, till by eleven o'clock it had risen to twenty-four feet, and causing considerable loss to property, to what extent, at the present writing, cannot be estimated.

AT PARKER'S LANDING

the freshet was severely felt, the river rose to twenty-six feet in the channel before it commenced to recede. Nearly all the buildings on the flat were flooded, and the unfortunates who occupied dwellings there had to seek safer ter on the hills back of the town. The Mansion House, in the lower stories, could not be occupied, and all hands were compelled to take to the upper floors. Parker's office was swept out and deposited in the island below.

AT KITTANNING

the water was higher than it has been for years. Many cellars were filled with water, and the lower portions of the town were flooded. The Valley Railroad suffered considerably, and the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne & Chicago road was also damaged to some extent. The Kittanning Gas Company's works were flooded, and the supply of gas cut off. The Kittanning Iron Works were also flooded, and the mill stopped running. The Kittanning Paper Mill was also flooded, and the machinery stopped. The Kittanning Gazette office was flooded, and the publication of the paper suspended. The Kittanning Iron Company's mill was also flooded, and the machinery stopped. The Kittanning Paper Mill was also flooded, and the machinery stopped. The Kittanning Gazette office was flooded, and the publication of the paper suspended.

AT FREEPORT

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AT BUFFALO

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AT BUTLER

the water was higher than it has been for years. Many cellars were filled with water, and the lower portions of the town were flooded. The Valley Railroad suffered considerably, and the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne & Chicago road was also damaged to some extent. The Butler Gas Company's works were flooded, and the supply of gas cut off. The Butler Iron Works were also flooded, and the machinery stopped. The Butler Paper Mill was also flooded, and the machinery stopped. The Butler Gazette office was flooded, and the publication of the paper suspended.

AT ZELIENOPLE

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AT BEAVER

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AT NEW BRIGHTON

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AT ROCHESTER

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AT BEAVER FALLS

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AT ALIQUIPPA

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AT MIDLAND

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HOME NEWS.

New Constitution Tickets.—Tickets for the new Constitution to be voted on Tuesday next, can be had by applying at the GAZETTE office.

European Steamship Arrivals Saturday.

A dispatch received at Max Sonnenberg's European Steamship and Telegraph Office, at No. 165 Smithfield street, announces the arrival of the steamer Anglia at New York; steamer Delta at New York; steamer Arragon at Bristol.

Opening of the Winter Term.

The winter term of the Pittsburgh Female College will open this morning, at nine o'clock. In view of the opening of the Conservatory of Music to both ladies and gentlemen, and the addition to the faculty, a large and prosperous term is anticipated. Those who have not had an opportunity to examine the circular announcing the commencing of the Conservatory of Music with the College, should call at any one of the music or bookstores and obtain one.

A Horrible Death.

A terrible accident occurred on Saturday to a young man named John Murphy, employed by Spang Chalfant Company at the Isabella Furnace in Etna. The deceased had gone to the top of the furnace to put in material, when a portion of the stack gave way, and he was thrown into the reesthing, boiling iron and burned to death, to a crisp, in a very short time. The Coroner held an inquest, and a verdict of accidental death was rendered. Deceased was a single man.

A Supper for Charity's Sake.

The Allegheny Ladies' Relief Society will give a supper at Excelsior Hall, Allegheny, at 6 to 9 o'clock on Thursday evening next. Tickets 50 cents, the proceeds to be applied to the relief of the suffering poor. Let no one who reads this notice pass it by carelessly; think of the object; reflect how many there are among us who have neither provisions or coal, and reflect what excessive luxury it affords a Christian minded man or woman to feel that they have been the instrument in God's Hands for assuaging the hunger of some starving poor one, of clothing the naked or giving warmth and comfort to the chills of poverty.

Small Fire and Man Hurt.

Yesterday afternoon, shortly after twelve o'clock, an alarm of fire was struck from box 36, Rush House. It was occasioned by a fire in the boarding house of Mrs. Smith, No. 69 Twelfth, near Liberty street. The fire department was promptly on hand, and extinguished the flames, which was caused by a defective flue, in the roof being on fire. The building belongs to Mr. T. H. King, and is insured in the Cash Insurance Company of this city. It was damaged about two hundred dollars. The furniture was damaged about the same amount by water, and is also insured. The fireman named George Shroeder got upon the roof and attempted to kick in a window that is above the roof, which is a slanting one. He succeeded in breaking the window, but he was thrown backward over the ridge, a distance of perhaps twenty-five feet, and probably twenty-five feet. Strange to say he received only a compound fracture of the arm, which was set by Dr. Todd.

A Pleasant Evening at Irwin's Station.

On Saturday evening a very enjoyable entertainment was given at Georrings Hall, Irwin Station, by the "Philomatic Circle," assisted by a number of ladies and gentlemen of this city. The programme consisted of instrumental, vocal and dramatic performances, opening with Mendelssohn's brilliant wedding March from Midsummer Night's Dream, by Prof. L. Irvine McCaffrey, which was rendered in a manner by no way the excretion was fine, as Mr. McCaffrey's reputation as a finished pianist is well established. The beautiful three (3) act historical drama of "Robert Emmet" was captivously received by the audience. "Robert Emmet the Irish Patriot" was well delineated by Mr. McCaffrey. Mr. Alex McFarland as "Darby O'Gaff" convulsed the audience with laughter by his rich, sparkling humor, and flashes of native wit. Mr. McFarland possesses fine elocutionary powers, and dramatic genius, which entitle him to rank higher than an amateur. Mr. Daniel O'Connell as "O'Leary, an old soldier," sustained his part well. Tepfall an English officer personated by James Flannery was a piece of acting worthy of special commendation. He, the entire cast was entitled to great credit, as considerable histronic genius was developed. Between the first and second acts, "Shells of the Ocean," an instrumental performance on the piano by Miss Alex McFarland, was render d in a pleasing manner. Other choice selections of instrumental and vocal music by the Misses McGirr, Houston, and Mrs. Mc Farland, and the Messrs. Watterson and McCaffrey were artistically given. The proceeds of the entertainment were donated to a charitable object. Taken altogether the affair, both artistically and financially, was a decided success, as all the Philomatic entertainments usually are.

CHARGES AGAINST THE FIRE COMMISSION.

Investigation at a Special Meeting on Saturday—Statements of Messrs Elliott and McLain—Resolutions to Retract—Letters Read.

A special meeting of the Fire Commission was held on Saturday to take action in regard to an article published in the *Leader* on Friday last, in which it was alleged that through the influence of Robert Elliott the Commission had been led to refuse an offer from Mr. Geo. H. Stover, of this city, to furnish hose for the department at $1 30 per foot, and had awarded the contract to a firm in New York at $1.40 per foot. The members present were Messrs. Wilson, Pitcairn, Stewart, McElroy, Jones and Walton. President Wilson stated the object of the meeting, and Mr. Pitcairn moved that the correspondence between the Fire commission and the Carbolized Hose Company be read, which was carried. Mr. Pitcairn stated that the correspondence was brought about in consequence of information having been received that the same hose had been sold to Baltimore at a less price than was charged to Pittsburgh, and because there had been some talk that the hose was too high. A number of letters were then read from the Gutta Percha and Rubber Company, New York, going to prove the hose furnished here furnished to the Pittsburgh Fire Department at $1.40 per foot, was the very lowest figure at which that kind of hose was sold.

Chief Engineer White then made a statement going to show that hose purchased from St ver in 1870 proved to be defective on being put into service. Mr. Elliott then asked each member of the Commission whether he had ever request ed them to purchase a foot of carbolized hose or other kind of hose and each member answered in the negative. The Commission then passed a series of resolutions characterizing the statements in the *Leader* article as false, requesting a retraction and asking the Finance Committee to investigate the accounts of the Commission.

By the developments at Saturday's meeting, and the letters read, everything is now to be all right as far as the Commission and Mr. Elliott are concerned, but yesterday's *Leader* publishes another long article, reiterating its statements and using the names of well known and responsible men in connection therewith, which puts another face on the matter, and on the whole we are of the opinion that the Finance Committee had better accede to the request of the Commission, adopt the suggestion of Saturday morning, and in justice to the members of the Commission, investigate the charges made.

WAR IN MUNICIPAL HALL.

Attack on Mr. John W. Pittock and an Attempt to Throttle Him—Suits for Assault and Battery and Libel.

A number of suits have resulted from the publication on Friday last of an article in the *Leader* in regard to the Fire Commission, mention of which is made in another column, and on Saturday evening an altercation, having its source in the same article, and another one published some time previous, took place in the rotunda of Municipal Hall, unfortunately it did not then result seriously to any of the participants. It appears that about five o'clock that evening Mr. John W. Pittock, one of the proprietors of the *Leader*, Mr. John N. Hazlett, a reporter on the same paper, and Johnny Hamill, Assistant Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, were standing near the City Engineer's office, engaged in conversation, when Mr. P. M. Magee came up to the party, and with an oath asked Mr. Pittock "who wrote that article on Bob Elliott." No attention was paid to the question, and Mr. Magee, addressing himself to Mr. Hazlett, asked him if he wrote it. Mr. Hazlett said he did not. Mr. Magee then called Mr. Robert Elliott, who was standing a short distance off, and pointing to Mr. Pittock, said, with an expression that will not bear repetition, "Here's the man that published that on you." Before going any further we might as well say that the attacking party was quite free in the use of words not to be found in Webster's Unabridged, and it will then be unnecessary for us to state just at what particular time the objectionable phrases were thrown in. In response to Mr. Magee's call Mr. Elliott rushed over to where the party was standing and saying to Mr. Pittock "You put this thing up on me," made an attempt to strike him but was prevented by the interference of Detectives Messmer, Mr. Hammil, Mr. Hazlet and Mr. Locke of the *Chronicle*. Mr. Thos. Gillespie, a friend of Messrs. Magee and Elliott was mixed up in the affair, but confined himself entirely to remarks. After some further conversation, during which another outbreak seemed imminent, all hands retired, and the rotunda of Municipal Hall resumed its wonted serenity, no longer resounding with words of windy warfare.

Mr. Pittock at once went before Alderman McMasters and entered suit, charging Mr. Elliott with assault and battery, and Mr. Magee and Mr. Gillespie with being accessories. They were all arrested and gave five hundred dollars bail each for a hearing on Thursday afternoon.

The same evening Mr. Elliott instituted proceedings for libel, before Alderman Humbert, against John W. Pittock, Robert P. Nevin, E. H. Nevin and John I. Nevin, the charge being based upon the refraction and libelous article to have been published in the *Leader* of Friday. About eight o'clock the two defendants last named were arrested and gave bail for court, each in the sum of five hundred dollars, Trevor McClurg, Esq., giving security for them. Mr. McClurg was sworn as to his being worth the amount of bail—$16,000. Mr. Magee appeared as counsel for Mr. Elliott.

Mr. Magee—Where is this property, Mr. McClurg?

Mr. McClurg—In McClure township.

Mr. Magee—Did you inherit it from your father's estate?

Mr. McClurg—It has been in my possession for the last fifteen years.

Mr. Magee—That is all right, Squire.

Shortly after Mr. Pittock appeared and gave bail in the same amount, Mr. Henry Hays going his security. Mr. E. P. Nevin, having gone to his home in Sewickley, Mr. Alex. McIlwaine became his bail. It was proposed to accept Mr. Nevin's own recognizance, but the offer was rejected.

Citizens' Indignation Meeting.

Considering the Financial Question.

The Water Commission Discussed—Addresses by Prominent Citizens—What they Think of the Matter—A Committee of Forty to be Appointed—The Resolutions Adopted.

In response to the call issued by the Taxpayers' Union, a large meeting was held on Saturday evening, at the old City Hall in the Diamond. The commodious room wase omfortably filled. The object of the meeting was to consider the developments that have recently come to light, regarding the financial management of the city. Mr. James McLain ascended the platform and called the meeting to order by naming Mr. John B. Guthrie as Chairman.

ADDRESS OF MR. GUTHRIE.

John B. Guthrie, Esq., on taking the chair, returned thanks for the honor conferred, and promised to discharge the duties to the satisfaction of his auditors. He said the meeting had been called at a very seasonable time. Either through the carelessness or want of integrity on the part of the city officials, a half a million dollars had been stolen from the City Treasury; by whom, it was not yet known, and this meeting had been called to ascertain where the responsibility rests and by what means the money can be secured to the city. In his opinion, the Water Commission is an illegally constituted body and he believed that every member of the Water Commission is legally responsible for every bond taken without authority of law from the Controller's office. He had confidence in the Chairman of the Finance Committee, Col. Phillips, and while he did not think there was any responsibility to be attached to the Committee, he thought that they should be blamed, to a certain extent at least, for not knowing it. He was sure, however, that the Water Commission are responsible for every bond taken from the Controller's office.

VICE PRESIDENTS.

Mr. McLain here announced the following list of Vice Presidents:

Wm. Holmes, M. McCullough, Jr., Reuben Miller, Jr., Gen. Thos. M. Howe, Jno. H. Shoenberger, Richard Hays, John Caldwell, Mark Watson, Jno. Harper, Major W. B. Negley, Alex. King, Wm. H. Smith, Joseph Plumer, M. Whiteman, Josiah King, Domenec Ihmsen, Henry Kleber, Geo. P. Hamilton, Daniel O'Neill, R. P. Nevin, J. G. Siebeneck, J. H. Hopkins, Madison Bailey, John M. Irwin, Dr. Wm. M. Shaw, Henry Lambert, C. F. Kloppert, Bernard Rafferty, Dr. Hostetter, D. H. Toomey, Wm. Woods, Harney Robinson, C. G. Hussey, Alex. Miller, Andrew Jackman, Geo. Albree, Charles Arbuckle, Hugh Richardson.

Some half dozen of the Vice Presidents took seats upon the platform, among whom were Dr. Hostetter, Bernard Rafferty, Capt. Ward, and others. The members of the press were designated as Secretaries.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Joseph Hunter moved the appointment of a Committee of nine to submit resolutions expressive of the sentiments of the meeting. Agreed to, and the Chairman appointed Messrs. J. R. Hunter, J. S. Plumer, Capt. Wm. Ward, J. S. Lightner, Jno. O'Keefe, R. J. Powers, James McLain, Alex. McIlwaine and Charles Robb.

ADDRESS OF MR. SWARTZWELDER.

It having been announced that Marshall Swartzwelder was in the hall, on motion, he was called upon for a speech. He responded by saying that he had attended at the latter, and had not conferred with any of the gentlemen having in charge the object of the meeting. He said that the citizens have the right, when a great public wrong has been committed, not only to investigate the charges but to express their indignation thereat. He said the city of Pittsburgh, like a great many other cities, seems to have been cursed with this thieving atmosphere. Twenty years ago men in all kinds of offices would have shrunk from the performance of the acts now done by these corrupt officials. Had it been done by the ancestors of the audience he was addressing, force, instead of this meeting, would likely have been resorted to. He then referred to the action of the Councils creating the Water Commission, and whether illegal or not, they had constituted the body with the authority to issue bonds to build said Water Works. The members of the Water Commission are all members of Councils, and what has been the business of all seems to have been the business of none. What has been the excuse for this steal? One says he did not attend the meetings; another says he had nothing to do with the charges. Their own interests required that the interests of the public should be neglected. The getting of the bonds, the negotiation thereof was entrusted to the Secretary, and whether with their authority or not he proceeded to have acted in behalf of the Commission. There was the opportunity offered for a dishonest person to make some money. There was the opportunity of the sharp operator and interests demand all seems to have been the business of none. What has been the excuse for this steal? One says he did not attend the meetings; another says he had nothing to do with the charges. Their own interests required that the interests of the public should be neglected. The getting of the bonds, the negotiation thereof was entrusted to the Secretary, and whether with their authority or not he proceeded to have acted in behalf of the Commission. There was the opportunity offered for a dishonest person to make some money. There was the opportunity of the sharp operator and interests demand that the public conscience